

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**ENGINE REPAIR.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Elba's newest business to the area last Friday, June 15, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Southern Small Engine Repair recently opened in the building which formerly housed Guy's Used Lawn Mower and Repair Services. The business specializes in the repair and sales of small engines used with such equipment as lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. Southern Small Engine Repair is locally owned by Gary Brown. Those present for the Friday morning ribbon cutting ceremony include: (from left) Stacy Parker, Sarah Cordle, Elba Chamber of Commerce ambassador, Tommy Skinner, Elba Chamber of Commerce ambassador, Gary Brown, owner, Jimmy Harrison, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Nick Semonelle, Brandy Carter, business manager, Destiny Hudson holding Tanner Hudson, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, and Jordan Williams.

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year, according to the best information Weeks could present to board members. This is a trend that has continued for several years, dropping from 1062 to 1033 last year and projections are that unless something unforeseen happens, the enrollment in the school system will drop below 1,000 in a couple of years.

The meeting ended with Weeks updating board members on the success of on-campus summer work projects being completed by ten and

twelve month staff members. He said the school system has been saved many thousands of dollars by the efforts of these staff members, which was aided by the City of Elba. He also explained that staffers solved one water seepage problem at the high school which had existed since the school was first built.

"I am very pleased with the efforts of our extended contract staff in putting forth this extra effort," said Mr. Weeks.

## Community wish list established

Nonprofit service agencies and cultural organizations in the Wiregrass region will soon be able to post their wish list on a web site where businesses, individuals and organizations can search for a new home for surplus items or gifts with recipients in exchange of goods that benefit both parties.

"The Community Wish List is being established by the Community Foundation of Southeast Alabama to help nonprofits further stretch their service delivery dollar and give prospective wish granters a way to identify those needs," said David Jamison, Foundation president. Prospective donors can now visit

[WWW.cfseal.org](http://WWW.cfseal.org), and quickly determine which agency has a need for an item or items the business or individual wants to give away.

Ten area nonprofits have already posted their wish lists and wishes may be granted at any time by calling the agency in need. Other nonprofit service organizations are encouraged to visit the web site and explore the Community Wish List service. Organizations that would like to have their wish list posted must do so in writing to the Foundation, P.O. Box 1422, Dothan, AL 36302 or by fax to (334)793-0627.

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## LEVI

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school administration. "We did have to get special permission from the state board regarding Levi's admission into the program," said Wyatt. "I facilitated the special permission and acted as a conflict between the Brown family and the state board."

She said ESIC has been implementing the program where a high school student could receive college credit for more than 15 years, however, it has only been the last five or six years that the student could receive dual credit for both high school and college.

Brown is taking a music appreciation class and an intro to computer science class this semester.

"It's been fun but hard," Brown said. "They've all been very helpful and nice to me."

He said he has already discovered that college is a lot different from high school, especially in regards to freedom.

"If the instructors find a lesson early, they don't give you 'busy work,' he said. "Instead,



Levi Brown

they let you go for the day."

Wyatt said Brown is the youngest student she has helped to enroll at ESIC. She said there was a young lady about the same age as Brown who enrolled in a piano class, but Brown is the youngest student she has encountered to enroll on an academic basis.

"Levi is a bright young man," said Wyatt. "I have been impressed by his whole family and enjoyed working with them."

She said she has been extremely impressed by the determination of Brown's dad, Scotty, to help his son advance in every way he can.

"I am very appreciative of the programs provided by our local schools and the Alabama college system," said the elder Brown. "They make it possible for our children to advance above the standard course of study."

Wyatt said the dual enrollment program is not for every student, but for those who have the discipline, it can be a great asset.

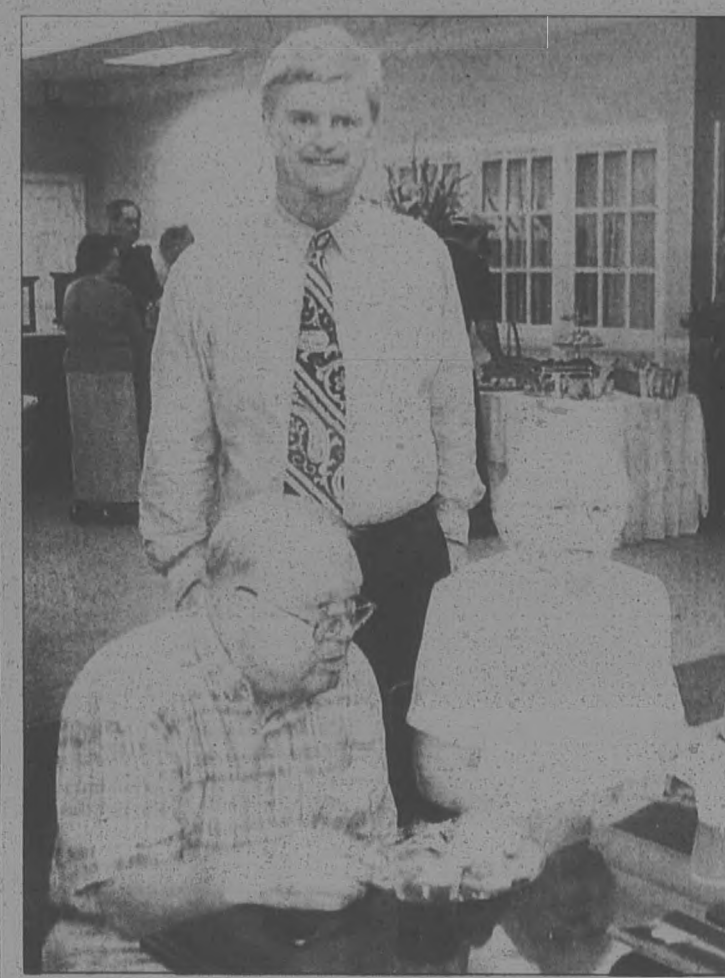
"It's a growing way to get college credits," she said. "And, a lot of students would qualify if they only knew more about the program."

As for Levi's future, he said he is enjoying his experience this summer and will probably return again next summer.

## SouthTrust Bank of Elba honors chamber members

On Tuesday evening, June 19, SouthTrust Bank of Elba honored members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce with a reception at the bank.

The purpose was to celebrate business in Elba and remind chamber members that SouthTrust Bank is here to serve the people of Elba.



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**Savannah Sikes accepted to attend Baldwin**

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## Thursday afternoon fire destroys home



**Fire destroyed** the rural Coffee County home of Stan and Carol Windham last Thursday afternoon, June 21. Shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, emergency personnel were notified of the house fire on Alabama Highway 87 South of Coffee County Road 514 and North of Alabama Highway 134. Traffic traveling on Hwy. 87 was blocked and detoured between County Rd. 514 and Hwy. 134 as firefighters from five local stations worked to extinguish the flames. The fire apparently started after lightning struck during a fierce late afternoon thunderstorm which swept through the county. Due to the loss of their home, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to the Windham family can do so at the Citizens Bank in Enterprise. A special account has been set up for the family.

## Council grants tax abatements to new Dorsey Trailers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to grant tax abatements to the new Dorsey Trailer Company. The sales and property tax relief voted in by the city council must first be approved by the Alabama Department of Revenue before becoming a reality. The number

of years the abatement is in force could be as much as ten years, but that too will be set by the Department of Revenue and is based on the dollar amount of the new company's investment.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that the police department has two new officers currently in recruit school for the next 12 weeks.

He also noted that off-duty police officers from Elba and some other departments are responsible for security at the Dorsey Trailer plant until the new company officials get their own security force in place. The company is paying for the work.

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## During dedication ceremony

## EGH&NH celebrates expansion and renovations

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Those associated with the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home enjoyed a special day on Sunday, June 24, during an open house for the dedication of a recent addition and renovation to the facility.

"As you might imagine, this is an important moment for anyone associated with the hospital," said Drexel Cook, chairman of the Elba Health Care Authority. "It has always been the goal of the board to create a health care facility that would be second to none. I believe today we are close to reaching that goal."

Cook said the facility has had and continues to have a group of superior employees that make it easy for the hospital and nursing home to grow and prosper.

The nearly \$2 million dollar expansion and renovation of the hospital and nursing home was announced in April of 2000, and became a full reality last Sunday when many local citizens joined the facility's board and staff for

the dedication of the building.

A major part of the project was the construction of a new wing in the nursing home. The 24-bed wing added 10 additional semi-private units to the nursing home, giving the facility a total resident capacity of 111. Besides the additional rooms, the wing provides the nursing home with a new front entrance, new lobby with nurses station and a drive-under canopy at the new front entrance.

Other renovations include a patient loading canopy at the hospital entrance, a new entrance for the administration section of the facility, a courtyard between the new wing of the nursing home and the previous entrance, as well as mechanical system upgrades which included individual heating and cooling units for each room.

During the dedication ceremony, board member Carolyn Brunson announced the renaming of the wings within the facility.

The Cook Wing is named in honor of Drexel Cook who has

served as chairman of the health care authority in Elba since its inception in the 1980s.

The Harper Wing is named in honor of the late Lillie Harper who was a lifelong resident of Elba and dedicated to the continued improvements of the facility.

The Kimmie Wing is named in honor of the late Gladys Dorsey, wife of the late Dr. J.M. Kimmie.

The Whitman Wing is named in honor of the late J.D. Whitman who opened Whitman Drugs in 1922 when he realized the need for localized pharmaceuticals.

The Dorsey Wing is named in honor of the late Gladys Dorsey, a member of the original Dorsey Trailers family.

And the Hayes Wing is named in honor of the late Dr. C.P. Hayes. Dr. Hayes was the first chief of staff at the Elba General Hospital and practiced medicine for over 50 years.

"Today, we celebrate the culmination of their dreams," Brunson said.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the dedication of the new addition and renovations to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home last Sunday afternoon, June 24. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Van McCall, Katie Holloway, Daniel Stephens, Miss Zion Chapel Mallorie Bedsole, Dr. Lance K. Dyess, Drexel Cook, Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Frances Bradshaw, Pete Cash, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Kenneth Calhoun, EGH administrator Ellen Briley, Little Miss Elba Brooke Weeks, L.M. Burch, Carolyn Brunson, David Bandstra, Marie LaPore, Jimmy Harrison, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce Kaye Whitworth and Herby McCall.

## Troy King begins political campaign in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Local residents and supporters helped Elba native Troy King officially begin his campaign trail last Saturday, June 23, at the National Security Conference Center in Elba during the Troy King - Secretary of State - Kickoff Rally.

"I don't know who said you can't go home again, but they obviously weren't from Coffee County," King said to the large crowd gathered at the conference center. "I want to thank you for proving that you can go home again."

King, son of former Elba residents Bob and Natalie King, was born in Elba in 1968. He is a 1986 graduate of Elba High School, a 1990 graduate of Troy State University and a 1994 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

Today, King resides in Montgomery with his wife, Paige, and their two children, Briggs and Cadden. He serves as an assistant attorney general for the State of Alabama.

"When I decided to run for secretary of state, it was without doubt that I knew I needed to come home," said King. "You are the people who equipped me and prepared me for this."

King said during the Saturday morning event, he had enjoyed reviewing old friendships with people he had known all of his life, as well as making new friendships.

"As I look into the crowd, I see the people who have watched and lived through the problems in the state," he said. "Now, we need to be useless in our efforts to leave Alabama better than we found it. I know with friends like you by my side, we cannot fail."

King said he wants to make Alabama better by increasing voter participation, fighting voter fraud and providing a sense of good citizenship among the state's children. He said these goals will help provide a non-

est, fair government for every Alabama citizen.

"We must not give up," said King. "I challenge you to join me in letting our children go farther, stand taller and dream dreams we have never dreamed."

He said his goal will be to constantly improve Alabama in hopes that today's children will one day be able to look back with grateful eyes.

"My first experience with Troy was when I was begging for help for family services," said Barbara Everett, wife of U.S. Congressman Terry Everett. "He was very helpful and I can assure you that the people in this area have already benefited from Troy's work."

As he spoke to the crowd, King attributed many of his character traits to the people of

Elba. He said he is honored in knowing that Elba is still a place where neighbors put their problems aside to help another person in need.

"There is nowhere I could have gone that would have gotten this campaign off to a better start," King said. "After all, these are the people who taught me about public service and made me want to be in public service."

He said he often tells his wife that growing up in Elba was like having 500 moms and dads. Contrary to what some may think, he said that is a good thing.

"Today wasn't about the publicity," he said. "It was about coming home and saying 'thank you' to the people who really got me started."



**COMING HOME...** While in Elba last Saturday, June 23, Troy King spent a few moments with his former neighbor, Henrietta Grimes, at the Troy King - Secretary of State - Kickoff Rally.

## At Coffee County Commission meeting

## County engineer presents road paving comparison

by Linda Hodge, Editor

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented a comparison of contracted road paving to in-house road paving Monday morning, June 25, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

By contract, Tindell said Coffee County Road 623 was paved for \$120,000; Coffee County Roads 159, 542 and 543 were paved for \$190,000; and Coffee County Road 476 was paved for \$60,000.

He said this was an average cost of \$255,000 per mile for the county to have roads paved through contracting.

Two other roads, Coffee County Road 537 and 711, were

paved through contract; however, Tindell said county employees did the base and prime work with the contractors only taking care of the pavement.

Before going into the cost of each road paved by county employees, Tindell told commissioners that the value of each job was described by public laborers and included all costs associated with employees.

According to Tindell, the county budgeted \$77,300 to pave Coffee County Road 446 but the actual cost of paving was \$54,350. Coffee County Roads 316 and 322 were budgeted at \$163,100 with the actual cost at \$117,470; Coffee County Road 157 had a budgeted cost of \$505,000 and actual cost of \$357,450; Coffee County Road

231 had a budgeted cost of \$531,700 and actual cost of \$367,900; Coffee County Road 601 had a budgeted cost of \$210,000 and actual cost of \$145,200; and Coffee County Road 664 had a budgeted cost of \$435,800 and an actual cost of \$303,050.

Tindell said the average cost per mile to pave a road through county forces was \$119,175.

He asked commissioners to bear in mind that the roads paved through contractors were a lot easier to build than those paved by the county. With the exception of a couple of the roads, he said the roads paved by county employees were "a heck of a lot more difficult to build than the contracted ones."

"Sounds to me like it is a

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## Area Happenings

**COUNTY GARBAGE PICKUP** Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) reminds county residents that due to the Fourth of July holiday, the county garbage pickup for Wednesday, July 4, will be Friday, July 6.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING** The City of Elba offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be standby crews for any sewer, street, water, or electric emergencies. To report any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The offices will reopen on Thursday, July 5, at 8 a.m. The garbage pickup schedule will be as follows: Wednesday route will run on Friday.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** The planning commission of the town of New Brockton will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on July 10th at the town hall for the purpose of reviewing the revised zoning ordinance. All interested persons are asked to attend.

## \*NOTICE\*

Due to the 4th of July holiday, The Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for next week's paper. The holiday deadlines for the July 5 edition are as follows:

Social and Church News is due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 29.

All other news is due by 12 Noon on Monday, July 2. All advertising will also be due by 12 Noon on Monday, July 2.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

Dorsey Trailers has finally sold and the new owners are on the scene, even though they are not yet building trailers. We expect to hear more from them in the coming weeks as they get things ready to build trailers and actually have workers in the plant, working with welders and rivet guns. A formal announcement of the purchase is expected to be made Thursday (today) at a trucker show in Las Vegas, Nevada.

We read about a drag racing car crash that killed two people, one of the drivers and the driver of the car hit head on by the dragster. Those things are so dumb, plus in this case our concerns go to the economics of the whole thing. The dead racer was driving one of those ultra expensive Italian sports cars, and if he could actually afford it, he should have been able to own his own drag strip and stay off the public two-way highway. We also wonder what the mindset is of the other drag racer, the one who lived. He was "only" driving a Chevrolet Corvette, relatively cheap compared to the Italian car. Yet still this man was involved in something that took the lives of two people, and it could just as easily have been him. Maybe this will get two nuts off the road. Unfortunately one was killed but his racing partner is still around to make decisions.

The Alabama legislature is in special session this week in an effort to redistrict itself. To predict the outcome is at this point a bit foolish, as several different special interest groups have their own design for the state. However, looking at the plans selfishly is most, if not all of the plans, leave Coffee County as it is now, a single member House district and totally within a single Senate district.

It was amazing to walk through the Elba Nursing Home Sunday afternoon. The renovation and expansion project has been billed as a first class effort and the end results show just that. Somehow or other the county did it and had escaped our initial brain when listening to plans being described early on in the project, but don't be surprised to see us up there just sitting there with a good book, either relaxing in one of the rocking chairs or maybe just flat on the ground among the pretty flowers.

A special salute is due to Elba native Hugh Martin who has been named branch manager of the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union's Ozark South branch. Hugh has been with the credit union since 1986, starting as a courier shortly after graduation from Troy State. He worked his way up to loan officer and now to branch manager. Hugh is the son of Mrs. Loretta Martin and the late Joe Martin of Elba and now lives in Enterprise with his wife Angie. Salute! Oh, and maybe Hugh could float some of us a little of signature loan with a very flexible payment plan and no maturity date. If everything else is worked out to our satisfaction, the interest rate will not matter.

Things are looking good around the new Elba Post Office on Claxton Avenue. It appears that it is going to be a first class facility. The new building should be occupied before summer is over if everything proceeds as planned.

There have been a number of people recently questioning the progress of the levee rehab. As far as we can see, things are progressing on schedule. It is impossible to mark down an exact starting date for the dirt moving, but it should be underway by early fall. The Corps is fine-tuning the plans, and the lawyers and property appraisers are working on property deeds. When the two come together, the dump trucks can start rolling.

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## Congress addresses Veterans education and survival benefits

Congressman Terry Everett

Over the last 30 days,

Congress has been busy

addressing the needs of

America's veterans by passing

significant increases in important

benefits for both veterans

and their survivors. As a result,

more education assistance than

ever before will soon be available

to veterans, while adult

survivors of deceased veterans

will receive expanded medical

and life insurance benefits.

The decade-old GI Bill,

which makes it possible for veterans

to continue their education

after military service, was one

of the most successful pieces of

legislation ever to be signed into

law. After World War II and the

Korean War, it made it possible

for more than two million eligi-

ble men and women veterans to

go to college.

Despite the great benefit of federal education assistance to veterans, many of those eligible never take advantage of this

valuable aid. In fact, only half of those eligible to receive the GI Bill benefits have used them

since 1985. With the recent House passage of the 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill

Enhancement Act, that may change.

The Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act authorizes the largest ever increase in veterans

educational assistance. This landmark 50 percent funding

increase will raise the monthly education benefit for eligible

veterans from \$650 to \$1,000. October 1, 2002. Currently, eligi-

ble veterans can qualify for up to \$23,400 in Montgomery GI

Bill educational assistance. This level would rise over the next

three years to \$39,600 as a result

of the House-passed bill. The Montgomery GI Bill

Enhancement Act is now awaiting passage in the Senate.

On another front, both the House and Senate have passed the Veterans' Survivor Benefits

Improvements Act of 2001. This legislation, which was

signed into law on June 5, strengthens health care and

offers life insurance coverage for veterans' survivors, keeping our nation's commitment to the families of our servicemen and

women.

The new law expands health coverage under the Civilian Health and Medical Program

for survivors of veterans who died from a service-connected disability. CHAMPVA beneficiaries who are Medicare-eligible

would receive coverage similar to "TRICARE for Life"

and U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery. In addition to patrol activity, troopers will

conduct driver license checkpoints and aerial speed enforcement. At checkpoints

and when patrolling, troopers will be watching for compliance with child restraint

and safety belt laws.

Alabama's child restraint law requires a child safety seat for children through age three

in front and back seats, and children ages four and five must be secured in child safety

seat or a regular safety belt. The state's safety belt law requires all front-seat occupants

to buckle up.

Troopers plan to concentrate patrols on vacation and beach routes, including interstates

and U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery. In addition to patrol activity, troopers will

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## CITY

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of these officers.

Whitworth also noted that there have been some recent problems with Pit Bulldogs in town. Police officers, firemen and private citizens have experienced problems with some of these animals in recent weeks.

The chief said he would be discussing this matter with the District Attorney before taking any action.

Fire Chief Larry Goodson reported to the city council that the department was working to be prepared for an ISO inspector review. He said they were updating equipment, three years of records, etc. to get them as

near perfect as necessary. Goodson added that there are presently ten firemen taking a Fireman's I course and in August these same officers are

scheduled to take the Fireman's II course.

The volunteer fire department has 28 firemen slots and two of these are presently empty. There is an ongoing demand for good daytime volunteers and the department is now interviewing applicants to fill these two vacant slots.

Mayor James Grimes recommended to the council that they move forward with the resurfacing of Tiger Drive before August 14, when school personnel will start returning to the campus. He explained that if the city waits until the Alabama Highway Department approves the entire resurfacing package recently submitted by the city, students will be back in school and the work very disruptive to the education process. He said

the city could spend up to \$50,000 on such a contract without a formal bidding process, just by asking for three different prices.

Grimes reported that total revenue is down from the budget estimates, mostly from a previously discussed drop in sales taxes. He added that most departments are working to help the cash flow problem and are under budget on their total expenditures.

Letters have been written to twelve property owners urging them to clean up their premises. Grimes said he has named Percy Dyess and the city building inspector to begin personal contacts with these owners and encourage them to bring the buildings up to code.

Mrs. Lola Mae Thomas, 95, of New Brockton, Ala., died June 21, 2001 in a local nursing home.

Funeral services were June 23, 2001 at New Brockton Assembly of God Church with Rev. Steve Nolin officiating. Burial followed in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery of New Brockton, Ala.

Mrs. Thomas was predeceased by her husband, Ted Thomas, a son, Hubert Thomas, a daughter, Little Herring, a son-in-law, Ray Herring, a daughter, Mavis Boutwell, and grandsons, Wayne Herring and Ricky Boutwell.

Survivors include 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

THOMAS GERALD PARKER II, Mr. Thomas Gerald Parker II, age 33, of 499 County Road 417, Elba, Ala., died Saturday, June 23, 2001, in Tulsa, Okla.

Funeral services were held June 27, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

Vietnam Veterans meeting planned for July 5

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 5, 2001. Meeting will be held at the Claychatchee Community House, which is located on Highway 92, close to Proctorville Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

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CARD OF THANKS

RUSHING FAMILY

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, food, phone calls and visits during the death of our mother, Mrs. Lena Rushing May God bless each of you.

The Family of Lena Rushing 6/28/01

KIDD FAMILY

The family of Thomas Waylon Kidd would like to thank their neighbors, friends, and relatives for their thoughts of kindness during his illness and death. Whether it was cards, letters, prayers, food, phone calls, personal visits, flowers or a shoulder to lean on during our time of sorrow, it was appreciated more than words could describe. We would like to thank Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Wayne Welber for their beautiful services. A special thanks to Community Care Hospice for all the care for him and the family.

The Kidd Family 6/28/01

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## Obituaries

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BETTY SHIPMAN

Betty L. Shipman, born December 24, 1933, died recently.

She was the daughter of the late Clifton and Bessie Caldwell Shipman.

Graveside services and burial were held June 20, 2001 in Evergreen Cemetery with both of Elba, his mother and father, May Rose Parker and Thomas G. Parker, Enterprise, one sister, Tammy Collier, Ozark, and his mother-in-law, Sumie Ramer, Opp.

ELLA FRANCIS DIXON CLIVER

Mrs. Ella Francis Dixon Cliver, born December 8, 1949, recently died.

Funeral services were held June 26, 2001 at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Elba with Elder

an appraiser.

Other business handled by the commission included:

Approving the appointment of Cliff Donaldson to a vacancy on the Southeast Alabama Mental Health Board.

Approving the tax settlement presented by Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Brumby.

Approving a resolution to place a stop sign at the intersection of Coffee County Roads 722 and 721.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, July 9, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Family Services to provide free literacy instruction to children and adults.

Warrants executed against worthless check offenders

The recent emphasis that was made against defendants charged with worthless check violations was a tremendous success. More than 100 warrants

were executed against defendants during the recent roundup cases. The roundup also disposed of more than 150 cases wherein the defendants paid the amount of their checks along with state required fees. While

the roundup was coordinated by the district attorney's office this success could not have been achieved without the help of the police department and sheriff's office in both Coffee and Pike counties.

Defendants are still urged to contact the District Attorney's office and make arrangements or face possible jail as the roundup continues.

What Tree Is That?

A pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Well-known trees are included, oaks, maples, spruces and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut, mockernut, hickory, sassafras, shadblow, persimmon, pawpaw, pagoda-tree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries seed pods, cones, and other identifying

features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation. John

Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain a tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Local students to perform with TSU band

Troy State University students from Coffee County will perform with the TSU "Sound of the South" Marching Band next fall as majorettes, dancers or members of the color guard.

Students are required to audition for the positions in the auxiliary, according to Carol Franks, assistant professor of music at TSU, who also oversees the majorettes, color guard and dance team, known as the Sound Waves.

These auxiliaries primarily perform routines with the Sound of the South at halftime of Troy State University football games, but they are also called on to march in parades, give demonstrations for high school band auxiliaries and perform with the

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 - River stage - 7:04 feet (6:56 a.m.); Alarm activated at 7:05 N. Claxton (9:03 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 7:16 Putnam St. (11:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Magic Mirror (12:22 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at 203 Bypass and Hwy. 125 (12:29 p.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84E near Smith Court (3:03 p.m.); Alarm activated at 1:30 Deal St. (4:27 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported at 829 Rebecca Lane (7:33 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at 7:16 Putnam St. (8:50 p.m.); Vehicle reported being taken from Mr. Henry's (11:16 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 - Disturbance reported at 401 Old Samson Rd. (2:28 a.m.); River stage - 7:74 feet (7:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a motorcycle wreck in Kennedy Estates (4:53 p.m.); Routine activity.

## Troopers urge holiday travelers to drive safe and sober

All available state troopers will be on duty during Fourth of July holiday to enforce traffic laws and to serve as visible reminders to drive safely.

Federal overnights aimed at speed, DUI, safety belt and drunk zone enforcement will be in effect during the holiday period.

Heavy traffic conditions are expected throughout the Independence Day holiday and the summer travel season.

Troopers are asking motorists to drive with caution, obeying speed limits, using safety belts, securing children in child safety seats, and refraining from drinking and driving.

I have worked hard to give

Alabama the toughest drunk driving laws in the nation," said Gov. Don Siegelman. "As attorney general I pushed legislation which lowered the legal blood alcohol level from .10 to .08, and doubled the fines for DUI. As governor we passed legislation imposing new penalties against people who drive drunk with children in the car."

"Alabama does not tolerate people who drink and drive. I urge motorists to drive responsibly during the holiday period, and caution those who are tempted to break Alabama's DUI laws that the consequences are not worth it."

According to Col. James H. Alexander, director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Public Safety, DPS estimates that seven people may be killed in traffic wrecks in Alabama during the 30-hour period that begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, and ends at midnight Wednesday, July 4.

In 2000, 20 people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 102-hour July Fourth holiday period, 16 on rural roads and four in urban areas. At least five of the deaths were alcohol related, and nine of the wreck victims were not using safety belts.

Troopers plan to concentrate patrols on vacation and beach routes, including interstates

and U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery. In addition to patrol activity, troopers will

conduct driver license checkpoints and aerial speed enforcement. At checkpoints

and when patrolling, troopers will be watching for compliance with child restraint

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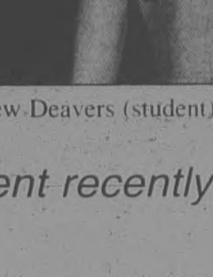
## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 18, 2001, through June 24, 2001:

They were: Janice Kelley, Annie Campbell, Mildred Sorrells, Shirley Hudson, Vivian Sapp, Kimberly Brown, H.K. Davis, Atanya Parrish, Bertha Coleman, Agnes Dixon, Altona Johnson, Mildred Hughes, Haruck, Freddie Owens, Holl



# LIFESTYLES



**Matthew Deavers** (student)  
*payment recently*

today's payment, they have made 130 monthly payments for a total of \$8,190.00. Based on the current weighted average tuition, their son's contract is valued at \$15,120.51.

"Attending college after high school graduation is an important part of the American dream", said Baxley, "and this is a great example of how Alabama's PACT program can assist families with the expense of sending a child to college."

Matthew Deavers is a graduate of Enterprise High School and the recipient of a National Merit scholarship. Even though he is a scholarship recipient, the rules of the PACT program ensure that Matthew will receive the full benefits of his PACT contract. Matthew will begin his college studies at Auburn University this fall.

Senator Jimmy Holley has been a long-time supporter of PACT, and of programs that assist families in affording higher education. During the most recent legislative session, Holley sponsored the Alabama College Education Savings (ACES) program that will provide citizens another option for saving for college expenses. ACES will be available in 2002.

Open enrollment for the PACT program is in the month of September. For more information, contact the office of Lucy Baxley at 334-242-7514 or 1-800-252-7228. Application forms are available on the Treasurer's Office website at [www.treasury.state.al.us](http://www.treasury.state.al.us).

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Free Adult Education offered at ESJC

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring five separate sessions to the main campus. Basic Skills/Preparation for the GED Test is offered on Mondays through Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Special English review classes are held on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Special math review classes are held on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session; however, students must complete an orientation session and a preliminary test. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes and/or to schedule orientation and testing.

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## Bethany Dye receives scholarship to Troy State University



Bethany Dye

### GED given at ESJC

The GED Test of High School Equivalency is administered at Enterprise State Junior College on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about taking the test, call 393-ESJC, ext. 295. FREE classes to assist students in preparing for the exam are available at the ESJC main campus, the Ft. Rucker campus, as well as other sites in Coffee and Dale Counties. For more information about the classes, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, announced today that Bethany Lynn Dye of Elba is the recipient of a Troy State University Millennium Scholars Award. The 4-year renewable scholarship covers the amount of full tuition, room and board. Bethany also received a music scholarship from Troy State University's award-winning "Sound of the South" band program.

Bethany, a valedictorian of the Elba High School Class of 2001, graduated with a 101.458 grade point average and a composite score of thirty-one of the ACT. She received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, was recognized as a Toyota Community Scholars Program National Semi-Finalist, the District II Principal's Association 2001 Local School Representative, and Elba High School's Birmingham Post-Herald 2001 All-State Academic Team Nominee. While attending Elba High School, Bethany was a member of Senior Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Tri-M, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Elba High School Journalism Yearbook staff. She served as Band Captain, Low Brass Section Leader, and first chair euphonium in the EHS "Marching Tiger Band" and as an official school ambassador.

Bethany is the daughter of Tony and Sharon Dye of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Samuel and Geraldine Dye of Dothan and of Merlene Bailey and the late Afton Bailey of Brantley.

Bethany will become a Trojan in the fall of 2001.



ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE recently held its Thirty-fifth Commencement Exercises recently. Pictured waiting to line up for the procession are Brandy Davis of Opp and Jean Mathis of New Brockton. Ms. Davis received an Associate in Arts degree. Ms. Mathis received a Certificate and an Associate in Applied Science degree in Business Administration. Dr. Susan McBride, President of Jefferson Davis Community College in Brewton, Alabama, presented the commencement address in which she discussed the meaning of an educated person, which in today's technological world means more than knowing the basics.

## Area students named to dean's list at AU

Auburn University students who meet specific scholastic standards each semester are recognized by the dean of a student's school or college for their outstanding scholastic performance.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours, pass all courses attempted and earn a grade-point average of at least 3.4. Also, the dean of each school or college may have additional specific criteria, which may include a higher GPA than the University's minimum required for inclusion on the dean's list.

Below is a list of local students who, after meeting the criteria for their colleges or schools, were included on the dean's lists at Auburn for the spring semester of 2001.

Elba: Architecture - Design and Construction - Melissa A. Hall; Liberal Arts - Anna R. Head; Enterprise - Agriculture - Christopher A. Powers; Business - April - Nicole Dunaway; Janel Heath; Lottin; Engineering - Tyson Merle Begly; Brian W. Lecompte; Daniel M. Wells; Liberal Arts - Charles B. Hutchinson; Yameeka J. Jones; Ashley Danielle King; Andrea L. Pawlak; Jack Science and Mathematics - Summer T. Harding; Kingston; Engineering - Jared A. Whigham.

## Support Center Technician Training scheduled to begin at MacArthur July 11

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will offer Support Center Technician training starting Wednesday, July 11, 2001. This training has been developed to help local displaced workers and others prepare themselves for potential job opportunities in the Wiregrass. The curriculum for this training was taken from the Computer Science program at MacArthur. This course is designed to provide the job-specific training needed for potential employment.

The Support Center Technician training orientation/registration will be held on Tuesday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Health Sciences building. Training will begin Wednesday, July 11th. Classes will meet four nights per week for five weeks from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with the exception of the Internet course, which will meet for eight hours on Saturday, August 4th. The class size will be limited to twenty participants. Participants in the program will be required to attend all classes and complete proficiency exams demonstrating their acquired training. The cost of the course is \$135.00 per participant. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. Eligible participants may qualify for reimbursement of the cost of the course and books/supplies through the Workforce Investment Act. For more information contact the Workforce Development and Continuing Education program at Douglas MacArthur Technical College at 493-3573, ext. 244 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Rhodes named National Award Winner in Band

The United States Achievement Academy have recently announced that Kassandra Rhodes from Brundidge, AL, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Band. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Kassey attends Zion Chapel High School. She was nominated by Michael Bird, a band director at the school. Kassey will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Kassey is the daughter of Kenneth Rhodes and Beverly Byrd from Brundidge, AL. Kassey's grandparents are Lorna McRhodes of Troy, AL, and Wynette Stength of Monticello, Ga.

# SCHOOLS & AREA EVENTS

## Smith named to head Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Auburn University Interim President William F. Walker has appointed Gaines Smith as acting extension director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, effective July 1.

Smith, who has been associate director or ACES since 1990, replaces Stephen Jones, who resigned to accept the position of vice chancellor for extension and engagement at North Carolina State University.

Gaines Smith's experience with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System makes him uniquely qualified to manage ACES—a vital part of Auburn's fulfillment of its land grant mission," said Walker. "Under Gaines' leadership, we expect the myriad services that ACES provides the citizens of Alabama A&M University, whose extension programs also fall under the ACES umbrella.



Gunter Akridge receives scholarship from AOA/AACS Education Foundation

The Alabama Oldtime Association of Alabama Association of Convenience Stores (AOA/AACS) Education Foundation announces Mr. Gunter Akridge of Elba as one of ten scholarship recipients for the 2001-2002 academic year. A 2001 graduate of Elba High School, Gunter will be attending Troy State University in the fall. Gunter's academic honors and awards in high school and college include All-State Honor Band, Beta Club, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

The AOA Educational Foundation was formed in 1994 by the members of AOA/AACS to benefit employees, and children of employees of member companies. Using an innovative approach, scholarships are awarded based on the student's overall performance in many categories and are not limited to students who are "above average" academically. The AOA/AACS Scholarship is a one-year award in the amount of \$1,000 and may be applied to educational expenses at any accredited, non-profit college, university or technical institute in the United States.

Coffee County Residents Named to UAB Spring Honors List

An Elba resident was named to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) academic honor roll for the spring 2001 term. Named to the Dean's List was Wendy Boutwell, of Elba, a student in the School of Health-Related Professions. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must attend school full-time and earn an overall total grade-point average of 3.6 to 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

## Dr. Lyn Diefenderfer to join staff at Enterprise Medical Clinic in July



Dr. Lyn Diefenderfer

Joining the Enterprise Medical Clinic, an affiliate of Southeast Alabama Medical Center, in July, Dr. Lyn Diefenderfer hopes to give back to the Enterprise community through her practice in Internal Medicine. "Enterprise is home to my husband and me," said Diefenderfer. "It is my privilege to come back and serve a community which served me so well."

After earning her undergraduate degree from Auburn University, Dr. Diefenderfer attended medical school at the University of South Alabama. Enterprise is the hometown of both Dr. Diefenderfer and her husband, Todd. So, upon completion of her residency at the University of Mississippi, it seemed only natural that the couple and their 19-month-old daughter, Davis Ann, would move back.

Dr. Diefenderfer also feels Enterprise is a growing medical community and a perfect place to practice Internal Medicine and treat the variety of medical conditions she sees in this field.

"I enjoy the variety one sees in Internal Medicine," said Diefenderfer. "It's a growing field with much to offer patients, which makes it exciting to work and learn on a daily basis." Her special interests include cardiovascular health, dermatology procedures, and nutrition and weight loss.

When Diefenderfer is away from work she enjoys reading, exercising and spending time with her husband and daughter.

"Enterprise is a great place to live, raise a family and work," said Diefenderfer. "Plus, the local Enterprise medical community is growing with a great deal to offer in patient care of acute and chronic medical conditions."

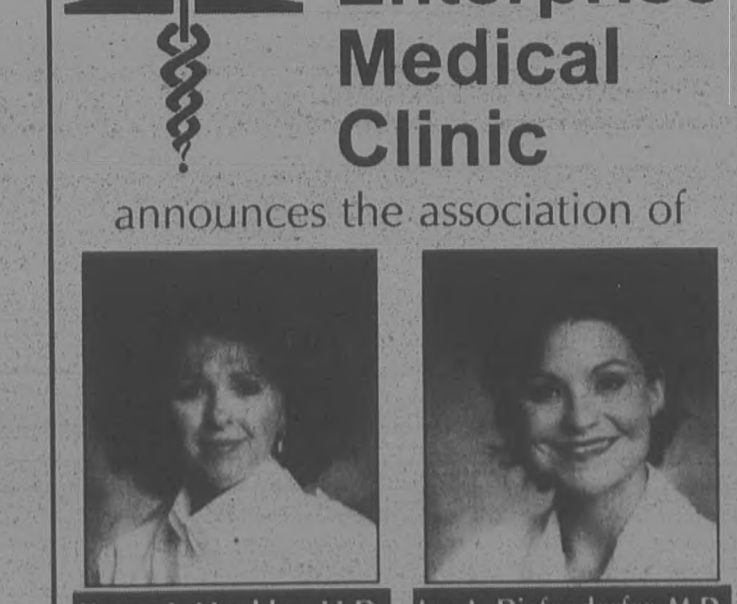
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Benjamin Bradley

Bradley elected to House of Representatives at Boy's State

Benjamin Bradley, a senior at Kinston High School, was elected to the House of Representatives during the sixty-fourth annual American Legion Alabama Boys State, which was held June 10-16 at the University of Montevallo.

Benjamin is the son of Randy and Beverly Bradley of Kinston.

Alabama Boys State is a leadership program for young men who have completed their junior year of high school and are expected to be a campus leader during their senior year. It provides delegates with a working knowledge of how our government functions on the city, county, and state levels. Acceptance into Alabama Boys State is a privilege and granted by invitation only. Delegates are selected by their school faculty and community leaders. Alabama Boys State is sponsored by the American Legion and is directed by Judge Pete Johnson of Birmingham, Assistant Director is Judge Joel Laird on Anniston.

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While the girls both seem to make it work or to ball practice on time, for some reason they can't seem to get into the swing of things when it comes to their daily chores around the house. It would take all of about fifteen minutes for them to make their beds, vacuum the floor and get the dirty clothes to the laundry room. However, sometimes it takes a few days to get the job completed only once, and then only after threats are made. Sounds like the same story of back when we were young.

### HITS AND MISSES...

The Elba 13-Year-Old All-Stars were eliminated in only two games last week at the Dixie Boys tournament in Greenville, and while the players and coaches were all disappointed, everyone on the team played hard and had nothing to hang their heads about. Stan Windham was an assistant coach on the team and his son Mark was a team member, but the tournament took a back seat when their house was destroyed by fire only one day before the tournament started. Mark played in the tournament and was one of the team's leading hitters, while Stan had more important matters to handle and stepped aside as a coach. Stan was at the games, however, and from his seat behind the fence did his best to keep the players excited and confident about the team's chances. You could tell by the look on his face that Stan was still in shock over the loss of his home, but he was at the games and helped coach from the sidelines until the end. We all share the loss of Stan and his family, and I want them to know that he and Mark's dedication to the All-Star team was truly amazing.

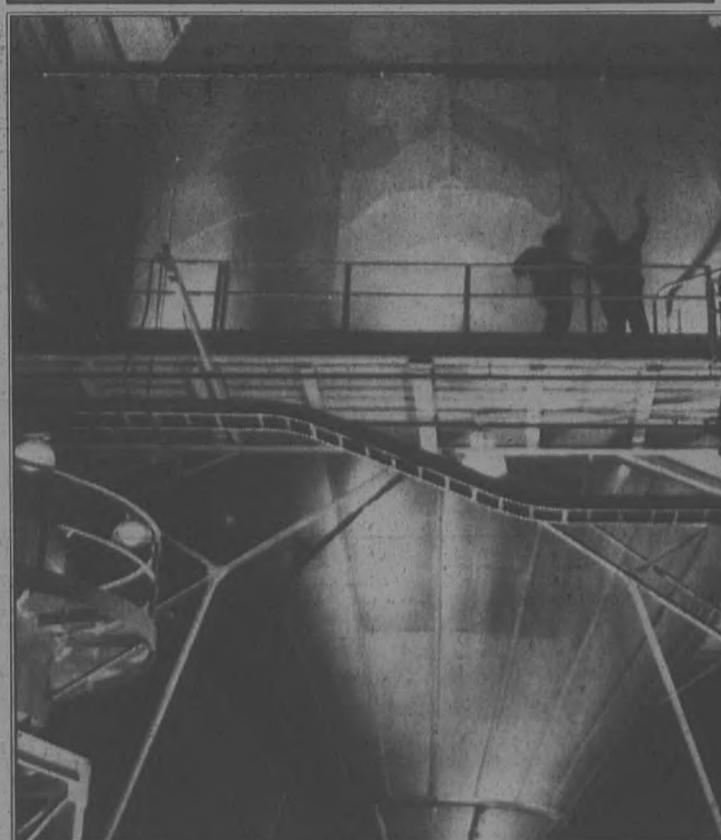
The Elba 13-Year-Old All-Stars dropped their opener as the tournament to a very talented Laverne team, but seemed even more determined than ever after the opening round loss. This bunch of All-Stars felt like before the tournament started they had a real shot at advancing on to District competition, only to find out in the opening round that every other team in the league shared the same thoughts. The coaches will continue throughout the week, and I am confident the All-Stars will still be around when the trophies are passed out if they can put it all together and play like they are capable of.

Elbas continue only in the world of fast pitch softball will continue this week when the Dixie Angels All-Stars compete in Andalusia in the Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament. The girls have going a long way over the past few months in learning the game of fast pitch, and win or lose will have made it clear that they can and will be successful in the new sport. My hat is off to all the girls in all the fast pitch leagues for their hard work and dedication this season in learning how to play fast pitch. There were many doubts when the first pitch was thrown, but now the girls have a season under their belts, and the sky will be the limit. Great job girls!

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Star teams will swing into action Monday afternoon, and as luck would have it, the Elba teams will play each other in opening round action. The Elba Americans roster is filled with players from the four teams from Elba, while the Elba Nationals include players off the teams from New, Brockton and Zion Chapel. No matter where the players are from, both teams are from the Elba league, and all Elba fans need to support both teams when they compete over in Enterprise. Let's support each other and hope they meet again in the finals. That way we can cheer for our Elba players. Well, the Atlanta Braves finally found a team to bring to town. John Rocker is a trade, and as been the case over the years, the Braves got almost nothing in return. I will admit that I have never been a John Rocker fan. However, if the Braves had been smart, they could have traded him back when he was a hot commodity, and received a solid player in return. I know the Braves are winning, and will probably win their division for the 10th straight season, but unless something is done soon, Atlanta will very soon become an old team filled with old players. It has happened before to other teams, and it looks like the Braves are going to fall into the same trap.

In closing, I read in the paper last week that two players from the same high school football team in North Alabama had died in recent weeks after summer workouts. The deaths were not blamed on the workouts, but still have to have shaken the team and the community of Stevenson. It is obviously true for pre-season physicals to get a little more stringent, and for everyone involved to make certain the players are in healthy enough to take the strain sports places on their bodies. Please!

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## Busy week ahead in baseball and softball

### Elba All-Stars teams get ready for tournaments

It is "Tournament Time" for both the baseball and softball All-Star teams from the Elba leagues, and the will be a busy week in both sports as the Elba Dixie Pre-Majors swing into action in Daleville, the Elba Dixie Minors open play in Enterprise, and the Elba Dixie Angels swing into action in Andalusia.

Following are tournament previews.

#### DIXIE BOYS 13-YEAR-OLD TOURNAMENT

The Elba Dixie Boys 13-Year-Old All-Stars will still be alive early in the week at the Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament in Greenville. The All-Stars have a bye in the opening round, but then were defeated by Laverne 11-5 in their first game on Sunday night. A bye was scheduled to play again on Tuesday night at 7:00 against the loser of the Greenville Laverne game.

Members of the All-Star team include: J.E. Winters, Josh Smith, Austin Smith, James West, J. J. Taylor, Tanner Voth, Heath Carter, Matthew Hattaway, Drew Donaldson, Adam Spicer, Clark Skinner, Aaron Harrison and Ryan Gibbs. The coaches are Greg Hand, Randy Winters and Jerry Medley.

Other teams in the tournament include: Laverne, Highland Home, Greenburg and Greenville.

#### DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars will swing into action on Monday night at 7:00 at the Sub-District 1 Softball Tournament in Daleville. The team is coached by J.E. Winters, Jody Stucky and Wendell Davis.

### Elba's Tim Hudson gets 10th feature win

#### Jody Henderson makes successful return to racing

By Mark Chism

It hasn't been the top of the year for Jody Henderson, but it has been the top of the year for Henderson. Henderson had a smooth sailing for Henderson. Dacey Kearley came from the 15th starting position and finished third in his first appearance at the track this year. David Smith was fourth, with Jeff Smith fifth.

Royce Johnston warmed up for the big Midseason Championship race by winning his fourth consecutive Late Model Feature. Johnston took the lead from Regan Baker on lap 14 and cruised to the win. Baker held on to second, with Dennis Bell third. Trent Rand and Jimmy Boyett rounded out the top five.

Doug Rogers continued his domination of the IMCA Modified class, winning his eighth feature of the year. Rogers started fifth and used the outside line to take the lead from Kevin Peel on lap 15. Jamie Ater came across the stripe second. Bret Hanson collected his best finish at SAS' third. Peel was fourth with Tom Galbreath fifth.

In the Street Stock Feature, Brian Martin led all 20 laps, but was disqualified in post race inspection for having lead ballast on the car, a rules violation. Jamie Bowers was awarded the win with Timbo Kendrick moving up to second. Danny Cooper came across the line in fourth,

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District 1 Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament, in Andalusia. Teams entered in the tournament include: Opp, Andalusia, Elba, Troy and Greenville.

Elba will battle the Troy All-Stars at 7:00 on the L.E.W. campus, and will continue its journey action on Saturday. A win against Troy will put Elba against the Andalusia Greenville-Opp winner on Saturday at 4:30. The tournament is scheduled to end on Tuesday, July 3.

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#### DIXIE PRE-MAJORS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Elba Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball League will have two teams competing for the tournament title this week in Daleville when the Dixie Pre-Majors Division B Baseball Tournament is held at Daleville High School. Teams entered in the tournament will include Elba, Abbeville, West Coffee, Laverne, Daleville, Dothan and Opp.

The double elimination tournament will kick off on Saturday, June 30, with the Elba All-Stars meeting Abbeville at 9:00, to be followed at 5:00 by a battle between Elba's T.B. Whites and Laverne. The winners of the opening two

games will meet on Monday, July 2, when the Elba Nationals and Elba Americans square off at 4:00. The winner of the Elba All-Stars will return to action Tuesday night at 8:00, while the loser of the opening game will play again on Tuesday night at 6:00. The tournament will conclude on July 5.

Members of the Elba All-Stars include: Marcus Henderson, Jason Curran, Matthew Curran, Kyle English, Rick Smith, Derrick Thomas, Ralston Moore, Brandon Petty, Calds Elia, Courtney Winters, Hillary Davis, Courtney Richardson and Kelli Green.

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Members of the Dixie Angels All-Star team practice in preparation for this week's tournament. The Dixie Angels will swing into action Friday night at 7:00, in Andalusia.

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# SPORTS

## Elba 13-Year-Old Dixie Boys All-Stars eliminated in Greenville at Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament



Elba 13-Year-Old Dixie Boys All-Star Lanzo Cooks is ready and waiting in the batters box during tournament action last week in Greenville. The All-Stars dropped two straight games in the tournament.

**Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben**  
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist  
Prevent Your Pup From Chasing Deer

Urban sprawl continues to encroach into what was once wilderness or agricultural lands. This suburbanization of America has increased the frequency of wild animal-human conflict and domestic pet-wild animal conflict. One of the most common wildlife pet conflicts in Alabama occurs when the family dog becomes a deer chaser. Many fawn deaths are attributed to free ranging domestic dogs each year.

But we shouldn't judge the dog too harshly, as no animal has a more enticing odor to a dog than a deer. Most dogs have a scent, trailing instinct to begin with. Add to this natural instinct the strong odor of the white tail, and you have a temptation many dogs can't resist. Many neighborhood dogs will "pick up" on a deer and chase deer. Often the owner has no the slightest clue that their dog is a deer chaser. Dogs chasing deer can lead to bad things between pet owners, hunting clubs and landowners. Dogs that chase and kill deer offend a taste for smaller domestic livestock such as sheep, goats, and turkeys as well.

Just as with most bad habits, prevention is easier than a cure. A coyote hunter relayed to me a method he uses to train pups to avoid deer scent. This method can be used on any dog in the backyard. An electric fence charger, if built of electric fence wire a few inches one and other placed all you need to prevent a pup from chasing the deer chasing habit.

If you are not a deer hunter, have a friend or neighbor place a deer scent gland found on the inside of a deer's leg near the fence line. The scent glands found on the inside of a deer's leg near the fence line can be frozen in water for later use. Next, wrap a few coils of electric fence or copper wire around the gland and run the wire through an insulator back to the fence charger and let the gland hang about eye level to the pup. A simple way would be to get a farmer to let you simply attach the wire to the gland and run the wire through an insulator back to the fence charger and let the gland hang about eye level to the pup. A simple way would be to get a farmer to let you simply attach the wire to the gland and run the wire through an insulator back to the fence charger and let the gland hang about eye level to the pup. A simple way would be to get a farmer to let you simply attach the wire to the gland and run the wire through an insulator back to the fence charger and let the gland hang about eye level to the pup.

One the gland is attached to the wire, the pup should be put at the general area and supervised until the pup has learned to associate the mild shock with you. The pup will soon get a whiff of the pungent odor and investigate. When he grabs the gland, he will quickly decide it is something he doesn't want. Usually one or two of these shock treatments is enough to turn a pup against deer chasing for his entire life.

The shock from a properly working fence charger will only cause a momentary discomfort and will not harm the pup. Allowing Rover to chase deer may eventually get him killed. A mild shock at an early age is the best alternative.

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The City of Elba will hold a public hearing on July 5, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the City of Elba City Council Chambers at City Hall. The hearing is being held to give the citizens of Elba an opportunity to comment on the community needs of Elba, Alabama, particularly in low and moderate income areas.

The City of Elba is planning to apply for a FY 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) float loan from the Alabama Department of Community and Economic Affairs (ADECA). The loan will be to benefit Shaw Industries, Inc. of Elba. The public hearing is required prior to submission of the CDBG float loan application. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide input on the City of Elba's community development needs particularly of low and moderate income persons. Disabled persons needing assistance at the hearing should contact City Officials.

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City of Elba  
200 Buford Street  
Elba, AL 36323

### LUVERNE 10

The Elba All-Stars spotted Laverne an 8-0 lead in the top of the first inning and never caught up as they dropped their tournament opener 15-10, Friday night in Greenville.







## Local residents attend events last weekend



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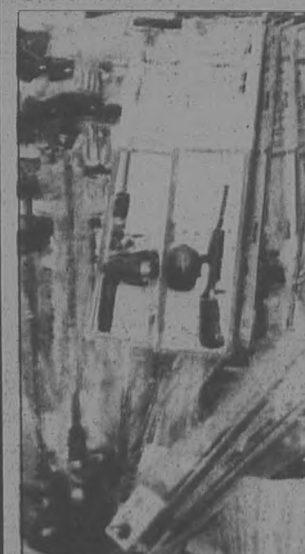
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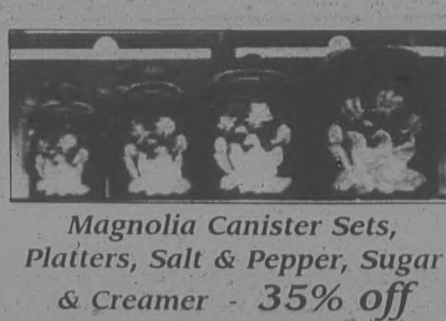


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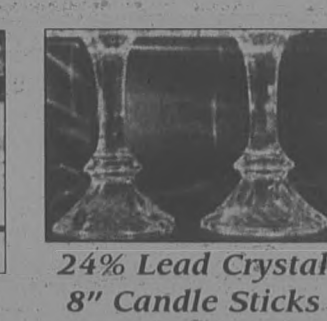
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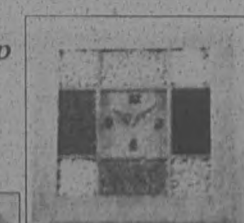
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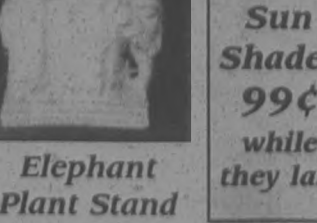
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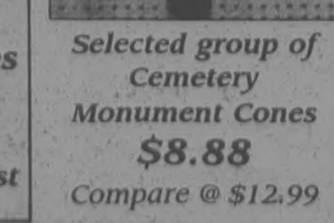
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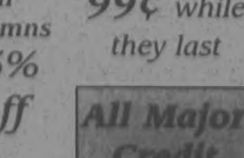
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